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**Further information on UA 329/2001 (AMR 20/004/2001, 21 December 2001) - Fear of forcible return / Fear of torture**

**CANADAManickavasagam Suresh (m)**

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The Supreme Court of Canada has ordered a review of Manickavasagam Suresh's case, through a fairer process than was used before. He is therefore no longer at imminent risk of being deported.

Manickavasagam Suresh, a Tamil man, was facing deportation to Sri Lanka where it was feared he would be at risk of torture.

In an 11 January ruling, the court ruled that a person should only be deported to a country where they face a risk of torture in "exceptional circumstances." The decision does not define these circumstances, or say whether this case would fall within them. However, the Court agreed that there was prima facie evidence that Manickavasagam Suresh would be at risk of torture if returned to Sri Lanka.

**No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network at this stage. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.**